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SUBJECT: KIBEDI AND OBOTE

1. VOICE OF UGANDA APRIL 2 CARRIED FRONT PAGE OFFICIAL COMMENT ON KENYA SUNDAY NATION STORIES CONCERNING OBOTE'S REPORTED PLANS TO SEEK POLITICAL ASYLUM IN YUGOSLAVIA AND REPORT THAT FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER KIBEDI LIVING PENNILESS OUTSIDE UGANDA.

2. VOICE ARTICLE RECAPPED NATION STORIES AND WENT ON TO SAY THAT YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR TO UGANDA KALEZIC KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE REPORT THAT OBOTE WAS SEEKING POLITICAL REFUGE IN YUGOSLAVIA. KALEZIC STATED HE WOULD NOT LIKE TO COMMENT ON NEWSPAPER REPORTS AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON THE MATTER.

3. QUOTING RELIABLE SOURCES, PRESS REPORTED THAT KIBEDI IS PROBABLY NOW IN LONDON. A MILITARY SPOKESMAN WARNED THE
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SUNDAY NATION TO STOP COMMENTING ON HIGH- RANKING UGANDAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS AS EFFICIENT AS MR. KIBEDI AND THAT EVEN IF KEBEDI STAYED OUT OF THE COUNTRY FOR FIVE YEARS THE GOVERNMENT WOULD WORK AS WELL AS IF HE WERE STILL IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THE SPOKESMAN CLAIMED THAT KIBEDI WAS GIVEN THREE MONTHS' LEAVE BY THE PRESIDENT AS WELL AS PERMISSION TO TRAVEL ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD PRIVATELY AT HIS OWN EXPENSE. HE STATED THAT KIBEDI HAD ASKED FOR PERMISSION TO TRAVEL TO ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA.
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